

long-term strategy to deal with major natural calamities in the future. The 1st meeting of the Committee was held on 18.2.2001.

Assessment of destruction in recent earthquake

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any official assessment has been made with regard to scale of destruction in the country due to recent earthquake;

(b) if so, the assessment with regard to total loss of lives and property; and

(c) the monetary loss with regard to different items such as destruction of industry, agriculture, infrastructure and houses separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The earthquake of 26th January, 2001 has caused colossal damage to life and property in various parts of Gujarat. No report on damage due to the earthquake has been received from the other parts of the country.

According to the estimates of damage, as assessed by the Government of Gujarat, damage has been estimated at Rs. 21,262 crore, as indicated below:

	(Rs. in Crore)
Personal properties	387.00
Household properties	11195.00
Public utilities	600.00
Public infrastructure & amenties	1080.00
Industrial establishment	5000.00
Commerical establishment	3000.00

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.